



KEY NOTES

e-newsletter of the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission

Sept. 15, 2011

Star-Spangled Weekend brings UK film crew to Baltimore



Governor Martin O'Malley during his interview with Travel Channel UK.

[Travel Channel](#) (International) came to Baltimore, Sept. 9-10, to film a War of 1812 re-enactment at [Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine](#). The re-enactment was part of Fort McHenry's Star-Spangled Banner Weekend, an annual tribute to the successful defense of Baltimore against attacking British forces in 1814.

Footage will be used for a show about the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and another one about Star-Spangled Spectacular 2012 – an assembly of tall ships and gray hulls from around the world that kicks off a week-long maritime festival at Baltimore's Inner Harbor in June 2012. Both shows will air in spring 2012. Based in London, Travel Channel broadcasts 24 hours a day in 19 languages across Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Asia Pacific region.

During the celebratory weekend at Fort McHenry, Raymond "Chip" Mason received the *Francis Scott Key Award* from the friends of Fort McHenry for his leadership as chair of the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission. Mason is founder of Legg Mason, Inc.

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War of 1812-era flags herald bicentennial



Marylanders can now purchase commemorative 15-star, 15-stripe American flags – replicas of the Star-Spangled Banner that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the National Anthem following the all-night British bombardment of Fort McHenry in 1814.

The American-made flags – featuring the official Star-Spangled 200 bicentennial logo – are available through [F. W. Haxel](#), a Maryland small business, in two versions: a printed nylon flag (\$20); and a limited-edition, sewn nylon flag with applied stars (\$73.50). Proceeds benefit three nonprofit (501c3) organizations: [The American Flag Foundation](#), [Friends of Fort McHenry](#) and [The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House](#).

"Marylanders are likely to become more aware of the upcoming War of 1812 bicentennial as these flags enter the marketplace," said Bill Pencek, executive director of the Maryland War of 1812 Commission. "And, three institutions dedicated to preserving the legacy of the iconic Star-Spangled Banner – one of Maryland's greatest contributions to the nation's heritage – will receive assistance in advancing their missions."

To purchase flags, visit F.W. Haxel's [web site](#).

Star-Spangled 200 fundraiser presents PBS film



Tickets are still available for the sneak preview of [The War of 1812](#) – a PBS documentary that airs nationwide Oct. 10 – at the Landmark Theatres Harbor East Cinema in Baltimore, Monday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. The film includes re-enactments, animation and commentary from American, British, Canadian and Native American historians. Filmmaker Larry Hott, Florentine Films, will be present for a Q&A session. Advance tickets are [available online](#) for \$15; tickets at the door, \$20. This event has been made possible by a generous contribution from [AT&T](#).

Commission grant applications now available

The Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission established a [grant program](#) for capital and non-capital projects related to the bicentennial observance. Nonprofit organizations and local, state and federal government agencies may apply for matching grants in amounts of up to \$250,000.

Deadline for applications is Nov. 1. Awards will be announced Feb. 2012. Subsequent grant cycles will be held with application deadlines in May 2012; Nov. 2012; May 2013; Nov. 2013; and May 2014. Capital projects include site or property acquisition, development, restoration, pre-development and archeology, in addition to design, fabrication and installation of permanent exhibits. Non-capital projects include planning, design, interpretation, programming and events.

[1814 British Invasion of Prince George's County Bus Tour](#)

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[That Nest of Pirates on the Chesapeake: Baltimore and the War of 1812](#)

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Recent News

[War of 1812 bicentennial celebration funds available](#), *Baltimore Business Journal*

[Thousands to gather to remember Battle of North Point](#), *The Baltimore Sun*

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Upcoming Grant Deadlines

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National Trust for Historic Preservation

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Institute of Museum and Library Services

[Conservation Project Support Grants](#)

Oct. 15

National Education Association
[NEA Foundation Grants](#)

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Funding for this grant program will come from the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission as it receives surcharges from the U.S. Mint's sale of bicentennial commemorative coins, as well as private contributions made to Star-Spangled 200, Inc. Download the [guidelines and application](#) or call or e-mail [Bill Pencek](#), executive director of the commission for more information, 410-767-6289.

Join 1812 stakeholders at Annapolis conference

The Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission hosts a day of presentations and area tours in Annapolis related to the War of 1812 on **Monday, Oct. 24**. Designed for stakeholders in the upcoming bicentennial celebration, the Annapolis Star-Spangled 200 Conference is part of a series of conferences that have been held across the state.

Participants at the Annapolis event will meet at the Maryland State Archives. The subsequent tour includes visits to Fort Mifflin, U.S. Naval Academy and the Maryland State House. To [register](#) or get more information, call or [e-mail](#) Kate Marks, 410-767-6974. Cost of the conference is \$50; advance registration is required.

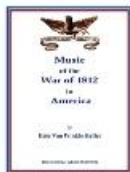
Lewis Museum hosts annual 1812 symposium

The 15th National War of 1812 Symposium – [The Civil War of 1812: War and Disquiet and the New Nation](#) – will be held Oct. 1, 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the [Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture](#) in Baltimore. David T. Terry, executive director of the museum, delivers one of the day's presentations, *African-Americans and the War of 1812*. Alan Taylor, professor of history at the University of California, Davis, and author of *The Civil War of 1812: American Citizens, British Subjects, Irish Rebels, & Indian Allies*, will also be a featured speaker.

Other presentations include: *Three U.S. Navy 44-Gun Frigates; Former Maryland Slaves and the Treaty of Ghent; The U.S. Raid on York, Upper Canada: April 1813; and Whites and Black in British Uniform: Royal Marines and Colonial Marines in the Chesapeake in 1814*. A tour of the [Star-Spangled Banner Flag House](#) follows the symposium.

To register, make out checks (\$50/person) to War of 1812 Consortium and send to: Charles P. Ives III, 802 Kingston Road, Baltimore, MD 21212. Payment due by Sept. 22. The event is co-sponsored by the Council on America's Military Past.

New book presents music of 1812 era



[Colonial Music Institute](#) has published *Music of the War of 1812*, a 246-page book by Kate Van Winkle Keller that features an array of songs set to music, instrumental tunes, song lyrics and period illustrations. All of the songs and music in the book came from sources – printed or handwritten – that date back to the War of 1812 era. Each piece of music is accompanied by an essay regarding its historical

Links



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[Star-Spangled 200, Inc.](#)



[Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail](#)



[Baltimore National Heritage Area](#)

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[Historic Prince George's](#)



[Upper Bay War of 1812](#)

context, background information and teaching suggestions. The book is available [online](#).

Eastern Shore group plans 1812 band competition

Bands from middle schools, high schools and colleges – in the Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and Washington, D.C. region – will present their versions of 1812-era music at the Bash of the Bands 1812, June 9-10, 2012, at Queen Anne's County High School in Centreville. The competition allows the groups to have dancers accompany their music with period dances. Band uniforms must also evoke the 1812 period.

[Eastern Shore 1812 Consortium](#), which is sponsoring the event, has also announced expected updates to its web site during the upcoming month. The new content includes pages and illustrations from the U.S. Army's 1812 manual, original newspaper stories, and documents that indicate the levels of commercial activity by privateers and others.

St. Michaels meeting to address bicentennial plans

Citizens of Easton, St. Michaels and the "Bay Hundred" (Colonial name for Talbot County) are invited to meet at the [St. Michaels library](#), Saturday, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m., to consider events and activities for the bicentennial period. The commemoration culminates with the 200-year anniversary of the British attack on St. Michaels, Aug. 10, 2013. Hosts of the meeting are: William Dudley, naval historian; Donna Dudley, heritage tourism consultant; Beth Hansen, Historical Society of Talbot County; Julie Imirie, St. Michaels Business Association; and Marie Martin, St. Michaels Museum.

Free bus shuttle in Baltimore to add Fort McHenry line

Baltimore has received a nearly \$1.6 million federal grant to implement a third route on its free [Charm City Circulator](#) bus system, which will connect downtown with [Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine](#). The new line, the "Star-Spangled Route," is expected to relieve traffic congestion and make it easier for visitors to get around during the War of 1812 bicentennial period. In operation since 2010, the Circulator currently runs two routes, Purple (north-south) and Orange (east-west).



Featured Site

Sotterley Plantation, a National Historic Landmark located on the banks of the Patuxent River in Southern Maryland, is the only remaining tidewater plantation in the state that is open to the public. It dates back to at least 1717.

During the War of 1812, militia gathered there in preparation to aid the U.S. Chesapeake Flotilla. On June 10, 1814, some militia members crossed the Patuxent to support other U.S. forces. British troops landed near the plantation and attacked an estimated 300 militia. The militia scattered. Col. John Rousby Plater, guardian to Sotterley's owner, surrendered to the British and received an assurance of protection from British Admiral George Cockburn. Nevertheless, on June 14, the British raided the plantation, burning a tobacco warehouse and a house that had been occupied by the militia. At least 39 of Col. Plater's slaves also escaped to British ships.

Today, Sotterley offers an array of educational and cultural programs. Despite damage from Hurricane Irene, Riverside Winefest at Sotterley – featuring a variety of Maryland wineries – will still run Oct. 1-2.

<http://www.sotterley.org/>

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(St. Mary's County)

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